IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

in re application of:

Torsten MÖRKE et al.

Art Unit: 3651

Application No. 10/660,765

Examiner: Joseph E. Valenza

Confirmation No.: 7876

Atty. Docket No.: 41653-190644

Filed: September 12, 2003

Customer No.

For: **CONVEYING AND REMOVING**

OF ROD-SHAPED ARTICLES IN

THE TOBACCO-PROCESSING

26694

INDUSTRY

AMENDMENT

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA. 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 14, 2004, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of the Claims which begin on page 2 Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.